



AGING & INDEPENDENCE SERVICES

COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO • HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY

LONG TERM CARE INTEGRATION PROJECT

Long Term Care Integration Project (LTCIP)

STAKEHOLDER MEETING

February 14, 2012

Please join us on **Tuesday, February 14, 2012** from **1:00 PM to 3:00 PM** for a LTCIP Stakeholder Meeting. The meeting will be held in the JA Training Room at the **Aging & Independence Services (AIS) Headquarters located at 5560 Overland Ave., Suite 310, San Diego, 92123**. There is two hour visitor parking behind the building and also on the first floor in the parking garage, which can be accessed from Farnham Drive. Please contact Cindy Vogel at (858) 514-4652 or cindy.vogel@sdcounty.ca.gov if you have any questions about the parking or need directions.

California is one of fifteen states competitively selected by the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to design person-centered approaches to better coordinate care for Medicare-Medicaid enrollees (dual eligibles). SB 208 (Chapter 714, Statutes of 2010) authorized pilot projects for integration of services to dual eligibles in up to four counties. The recently released Governor's proposed budget includes the expansion of pilot sites from four to eight-ten in California.

To improve care coordination and align program responsibility and financial incentives, the proposed budget increases the number of dual eligible beneficiaries in managed care and broadens the scope of managed care services in California. Managed care plans will receive a blended payment consisting of federal, state, and county funds and will be responsible for delivering the full array of health and social services to dual eligible beneficiaries. The transition of dual eligibles to managed care in California will occur over a three-year period starting first with the eight to ten counties selected as pilot sites. The selected pilot sites must demonstrate that they already have the capacity to coordinate care for these individuals.

In the Governor's proposal, In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS), other home and community-based services, and nursing home care funded by Medi-Cal will become managed care benefits. In all managed care counties, the IHSS program will essentially operate as it does today in the first year, except that all authorized IHSS benefits will be included in managed care plan rates. Beneficiaries in the eight to ten selected dual eligible pilot counties will also receive their Medicare benefits and long-term services and supports through their managed care plan.

In January, the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) released the Request for Solutions (RFS) for California's Dual Eligibles Demonstration Project [final Request for Solutions \(RFS\)](#). The RFS will be used to select pilot sites. The selection criteria reflect DHCS' aim to rebalance care away from institutional settings and into the home and community. The RFS promotes coordinated care models that provide seamless access to the full continuum of medical, social, long-term, and behavioral supports and services dual eligibles need to maintain good health and a high quality of life.

Several managed health plans are interested in serving dual eligible beneficiaries in San Diego, and are optimistic that San Diego will be selected as a demonstration pilot site. Consistent with the stakeholder process over the past 12 years, AIS will host a LTCIP Stakeholder meeting to discuss the impact of the changes proposed in the Governor's budget, and to hear from health plans their vision for Dual Eligible Demonstration Pilot in San Diego County. You are encouraged to participate in this meeting.

More information about the LTCIP is available at www.sdltcip.org. Please do not hesitate to contact Brenda Schmitthenner, Manager of the LTCIP, at brenda.schmitthenner@sdcounty.ca.gov or (858) 495-5853 with questions.